

Drug Allergies

Just like you can be allergic to foods, you can also be allergic to medications.


You may be allergic if:

- You develop a rash or hives
- Your skin or eyes become itchy
- You have trouble breathing
- Parts of your body begin to swell



An allergic reaction usually happens within an hour after taking a drug, but sometimes it can appear several hours later!

The chances of an allergic reaction are higher when a medication is taken frequently, rubbed into the skin, or injected.

 **If you think you are allergic to a medication, call your doctor right away. If symptoms are severe, seek immediate help!**

The most common drugs known to cause allergic reactions are:

- Antibiotics
- Aspirin and other pain relievers
- Anticonvulsants
- Monoclonal antibody therapy
- Chemotherapy
- Insulin



If you are allergic to a drug, your doctor may prescribe an alternative, OR you may be gradually eased into taking the drug, starting with very small amounts.

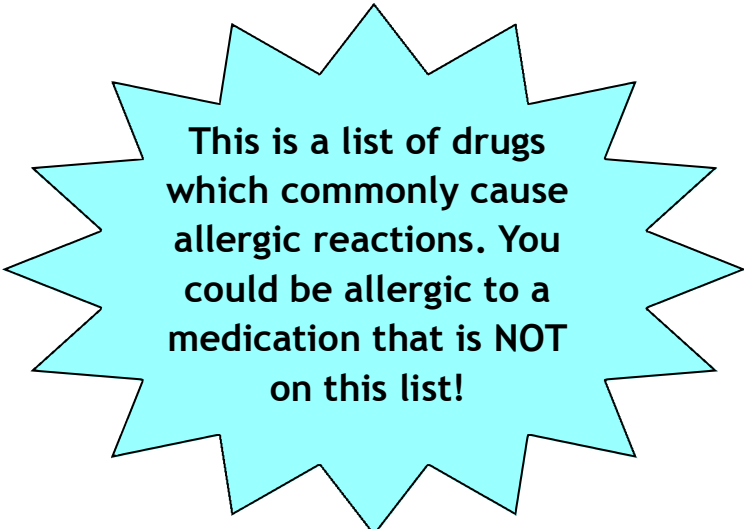
For serious allergic reactions, you may be given a medication like an antihistamine.

Be sure to tell your doctor and pharmacist about ALL allergies you have!

Medications Known to Cause Allergic Reactions



Acetazolamide	Erythropoietin	Meropenem	Procaine
Amoxicillin	Ethacrynic Acid	Nabumetone	Rituximab
Amoxicillin-clavulanate	Etodolac	Nafcillin	Salsalate
Ampicillin	Fenoprofen	Naproxen	Silver Sulfadiazine
Ampicillin-sulbactam	Furosemide	Natalizumab	Sulfacetamide
Aspirin	Glimepiride	Omalizumab	Sulfanilamide
Benzocaine	Glipizide	Oxacillin	Sulfasalazine
Bumetanide	Glyburide	Oxaliplatin	Sulfisoxazole
Carbamazepine	Human growth hormone	Oxaprozin	Sulindac
Carboplatin	Hydrochlorothiazide	Oxcarbazepine	Tetracycline
Cefazolin	Ibuprofen	Paclitaxel	Tolmetin
Cefdinir	Imipenem	Penicillin VK	Torsemide
Cefpodoxime	Indomethacin	Penicillin G	Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole
Cefprozil	Infliximab	Phenobarbital	Valproic acid
Cefuroxime	Insulin	Phenytoin	Zonisamide
Cephalexin	Interferon-B	Piperacillin-tazobactam	
Cisplatin	Iodine	Piroxicam	
Codeine	Ketoprofen		
Dapsone	Ketorolac		
Diclofenac	Lamotrigine		
Dicloxacillin	Lidocaine		
Diflunisal	Meloxicam		



This is a list of drugs which commonly cause allergic reactions. You could be allergic to a medication that is NOT on this list!